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organism from another determines its fitness to be named trinomially rather than binomially. . . . In a word, *intergradation* is the touchstone of trinomialism." The later A. O. U. committee, which prepared the Revised Edition of the Code, accepted these remarks without change, but added that "two kinds of intergradation, however, may be recognized; (1) ordinary or geographic intergradation, and (2) intergradation due to individual variation in forms inhabiting isolated areas." Doctor Merriam is of course right in his statement that intergradation is often assumed rather than proved. But at any rate the author of a revision, by the use of the trinomial, can show that he *believes* that intergradation does take place as indicated; and as he has given the group close study and not infrequently has examined a very large amount of material, his opinion on the matter would seem to have a certain definite value to others.

—N. H.

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## AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS

### BY-LAWS AND RULES ADOPTED APRIL 3, 1919

#### BY-LAWS

##### *Article I. Name and Objects*

*Sec. 1.* This society shall be known as the American Society of Mammalogists.

*Sec. 2.* The object of the Society shall be the promotion of the interests of mammalogy by holding meetings, issuing a serial or other publications, aiding research, and engaging in such other activities as may be deemed expedient.

##### *Article II. Membership*

*Sec. 1.* The Society shall consist of members, honorary members, and patrons.

*Sec. 2.* Any person may become a member of the Society upon recommendation of two members and election at the next annual stated meeting, or by special election at other times by a two-thirds vote of the Council, each Councilor having been given thirty days notice. A member is entitled to vote for all officers and to receive the serial publication of the Society.

*Sec. 3.* Honorary members shall be elected by a majority vote of the Society upon unanimous recommendation of the Council in recognition of distinguished services to mammalogy. They shall be exempt from all dues and shall be entitled to all privileges of members except that they shall not be eligible to office or to membership on the Council.

*Sec. 4.* Any person upon payment of one thousand dollars to the Society may, upon recommendation of the Council, be elected a patron and shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member, shall receive all publications of the Society, and shall be exempt from membership fees.

*Article III. Officers*

*Sec. 1.* The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. These, together with the Editor and ten persons elected from the Society at large, shall constitute the Council or Board of Managers of the Society.

*Sec. 2.* The officers of the Society shall be elected annually and shall be eligible for reelection; and such officers shall perform their duties until their successors shall qualify. The Editor shall be appointed by the Council. Five members of the Council shall be elected annually from the Society at large and shall serve for two years. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual meeting, and their official term shall commence at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.

*Sec. 3.* Vacancies among the officers or in the Council may be filled temporarily by appointment by the Council; but persons so appointed shall hold office only until the next meeting of the Society.

*Article IV. Meetings*

*Sec. 1.* An annual stated meeting shall be held in accordance with the action of the Society at the preceding annual meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall give due notice of such meetings.

*Sec. 2.* A special meeting of the Society may be called at any time by order of the Council, provided that notice of the purpose of the meeting has been given at least thirty days in advance.

*Sec. 3.* Sections of the Society may be organized by five or more members in any locality, with the approval of the Council of the Society in each case, for the purpose of holding meetings for the presentation of papers or discussion. Sections may have their own officers and rules, but such rules shall not conflict with the By-laws or Rules of the Society. Each section shall present to the Society an annual report of its activities.

*Article V. Quorum*

Twenty-five shall constitute a quorum of the Society and five a quorum of the Council.

*Article VI. Amendments*

Amendments to these By-laws, recommended by the Council, may be adopted at any annual stated meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice of each proposed amendment has been sent to each member two months before the meeting.

*Article VII. Rules*

Upon recommendation of the Council, Rules may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any annual stated meeting by a majority vote.

*Article VIII. Fees and Accounts*

*Sec. 1.* Annual dues for members shall be three dollars payable in advance.

*Sec. 2.* Any member upon payment of seventy-five dollars to the Society at any one time shall be entitled to life membership, and shall be exempt from membership dues.

*Sec. 3.* All moneys received from life members and patrons in consideration of their election as such, and all gifts for undesignated purposes, shall be invested as a permanent fund, the income of which may be used for special purposes as directed by a three-fourths vote of the Council.

*Sec. 4.* The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited as directed by the Council at the close of each year before presentation at the annual stated meeting of the Society.

## RULES

*Rule I. Election of Officers*

The election of officers shall be conducted as follows:

Nominations shall be made in each case by an informal ballot, and the result announced by the Secretary, after which the first formal ballot shall be taken.

In balloting for Vice-Presidents and the five additional members of the Council, each member shall write on one ballot as many names as there are officers to elect, namely, two on the first ballot for Vice-Presidents and five on the first ballot for members of the Council; and on each subsequent ballot as many names as there are officers still to be elected. Those persons who receive a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected, providing that the number of persons receiving a majority does not exceed the number of persons to be elected, in which case the vacancies shall be filled by the candidates receiving the highest majorities.

If in any case the informal ballot result in giving a majority for one or more of the persons balloted for, it may be declared formal by a majority vote.

*Rule II. Order of Business*

The order of business at the annual stated meeting unless changed by a two-thirds vote of members present shall be as follows:

1. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Report of the Recording Secretary.
3. Report of the Corresponding Secretary.
4. Report of the Treasurer.
5. Election of members.
6. Election of officers and members of the Council.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Report and recommendations of the Council.
9. Action on business reported from the Council.
10. Consideration of amendments to By-laws and Rules.
11. Reports of committees.
12. New and unfinished business.
13. Reading of minutes of the meeting.